

# **Introduction of Automatic Procedures in the System of the Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualifications**

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## **SUMMARY**

A very ambitious objective - with deep implications on the social, economic and environmental level – for the development of professional men involved in geodetic and non geodetic activities, must be the achievement of the professional education at a total level.

The International Federation of Surveyors (FIG), that gathers all the national surveying associations, has the appropriate instruments for promoting activities, at a total level, and for proposing regulations, aiming to guarantee the mutual recognition, which in some cases could be an automatic one, of professional qualifications within the European and non European States.

The Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualifications has to be based on the presupposition that all these qualifications must be of high quality and comparable.

In the report there will be some hints and proposals for the fulfilment of what said above.

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## **1. PREAMBLE**

The current system of the mutual recognition of professional qualifications within the European Union is regulated by the directive n. 89/48 and n. 92/51.

The first directive is related to a general system of mutual recognition of higher education certificates that approve professional training of 3 years.

The second one integrates the first and regulates the subsequent professional training inferior of 3 years.

The second directive contains the most professional bodies existing in Europe (classes, organizations...).

The European Commission, in accordance with the Bologna Process (adoption of a system of qualifications easy to be interpreted and to be comparable in order to support the employment and the international competitiveness of the European System of Qualification), proposed a new Directive, currently in exam in the European Parliament, that has to discipline the recognition of professional qualification within the European Union combining 15 existing regulations.

In Italy, the mutual recognition of qualification, referring also to extra – European Countries, is provided by the Legislative Decrees of 25<sup>th</sup> July 1998, n. 286 and D. P. R. n. 394/1999, that receive the procedures of recognition indicated in the 2 directives 89/48 and 92/51.

Thanks to the experiences made in C. N. G. about the mutual recognition of qualifications, we must underline the extreme complexity of the procedures: too long time due to the establishment of the Service Conference for the examination of motions.

At this Conference, in Italy, a lot of government and professional bodies participate to establish the equivalence of qualifications.

Besides this complexity, there are others, for example the harmonization of qualifications due to the diversity of the training courses, both to a European level and to an extra-European one.

The same difficulties are indicated in other European Countries.

## **2. HOMOGENIZATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRAINING OF THE SURVEYOR**

On the basis of the experiences matured in the C. N. G., a good solution could derive from the Bologna Process.

FIG must perform a central role to vehicular, in all Member States, above all the European ones, that principles that bring, also in an automatic way, to a mutual recognition of qualification.

We need some regulations that must be proposed by the relative National Institution of each State.

As far as concerned the training of the “surveyor”, these regulations have to promote an enlargement of the training in other fields, not only in the geodetic one.

Infact, the labour market and the holism of markets underline the necessity of having qualified technicians able to satisfy the requests of clients and to put themselves as intermediary in the decision-making bodies with the public administrations.

The C. N. G. believes that FIG sould go further the professional profile of the modern topographer, not only as data supplier or as data operator, but sould integrate him in “supplemented competences”, regarding land and building management.

The no-geodetic activities, in general, cover a large range and require a specific backround of education, not always given by the training course of the traditional “surveyor”.

Some of the no-geodetic activities of topographers are represented within FIG Commissions and therefore they can be considered as opportunities that are known by surveyors, especially in different sectors (town planning, valuation...).

For better understanding the validity of what said above, the Italian members of C. N. G., practise activities in different sectors, like:

*Master builder* plans and manages works in the field of building, manages safety during the planning and exexution phase, edits costs, metrical computations, contratc works;

*Master valuer* carries out activities in the appraisal sector referred to the landed and real estate property;

*Enviromental Master* carries out activities in the management of natural and mineral resources (ground, water, air) and in medical engineering;

*Town planning Master* carries out activities in the management of landed use and of development.

FIG has all the potenciales to start a promotion campaign to promote the training of the “surveyor” with new competences in the above mentioned sectors, in the European Countries and in the Extra-European Countries.

In particular, what we want to underline is the fact that under the term “surveyor”, there are hidden a lot of other activities and that FIG should be the vehicle for expanding the knowledge to all the Member States.

If C.N.G. will be part of this specific Commission or Working Group, will give its contribution for the achievement of this purpose.

### **3. PLATFORMS AND AGREEMENTS**

A good base of reference for the introduction of automatic procedures in the system of mutual recognition of professional qualification could be the proposal of the new directive, in exam by the European Commission for the adoption during this year.

Infact, some articles are about the professional services within the general system of mutual recognition of qualification.

Particularly, the distribution of compensation provisions on the basis of mutual platforms is provided for.

Compensation means the completion of training profession set up in a certain European State by the competent authorities in charge of the examination of the essential requisites for the mutual recognition of qualification, through adaptability trainings or aptitude tests.

The distribution of the provisions above mentioned is executed when the so called “mutual platforms” are implemented.

“Mutual platforms” mean the totality of professional standards that certify, on levels of adequate competences, professional practise and through which professional organizations credit the acquired qualifications in different States.

After the approval by the European Commission of the platform proposed by the organizations, as an instrument for the mutual recognition of qualifications, it is distributed to all Member States.

Each Member State can elaborate different models of platform as agreements to facilitate, in the relative States, the automatic recognition of professional qualification and the different professional levels.

It is more importante to develop a discipline (FIG can do this through one of its Commission) to fix regulations and standards in order that only limited professional organizations can promote mutual platforms.

In our opinion, that platforms can be drawn up only by regulated professional organizations which promote and keep a high level of professional training and updating, and which demand to the members the respect of the deontological regulations and confer a qualification degree on them.

Statute laws of each organization must provide for some standards that guarantee a high level of professional qualification.

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